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SUBJECT: PRODUCER/CONSUMER DIALOGUE

REF: STATE 186335

1. SUMMARY. UK CONTINUES TO BE IN GENERAL AGREE-
MENT WITH US APPROACH ON RESUMPTION OF DIALOGUE, BUT
SEES LITTLE HOPE IN HOLDING COMMISSION MEMBERSHIPS TO
15 OR IN AVOIDING A FOURTH COMMISSION IF SAUDI ARABIA
AND LDGS INSIST. BRITISH QUESTION WHAT AUTHORITY RAW
MATERIALS AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONS WOULD HAVE IN
THE BROADER WORLD CONTEXT AND THEREFORE WHAT REAL USE
COULD BE MADE OF THEIR FINAL PRODUCT. END SUMMARY

2. DURING RECENT MEETING BETWEEN US AMBASSADOR TO
OECD TURNER AND FCO UNDER SECRETARY (ECONOMIC AFFAIRS)
MAITLAND, WE TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW US POSITION ON
RESUMPTION OF DIALOGUE (ALONG LINES STATE 175394).
MAITLAND AND INTER-MINISTERIAL TEAM SUPPORTING HIM
SAID UK IS IN GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH OUR APPROACH,
BUT QUESTIONED WHETHER IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO PREVENT
A FOURTH COMMISSION ON FINANCIAL/MONETARY ISSUES.
MAITLAND UNDERSTANDS SAUDIS STANDING FIRM ON THIS
MATTER. IN ADDITION, WHILE BRITISH SUPPORT US ON
15 MEMBER COMMISSIONS BASED ON REASONABLE "OBJECTIVE"
CRITERIA AND ON KEEPING FIRST MINISTERIAL MEETING SHORT
AND NON-SUBSTANTIVE, THEY ARE NOT CONFIDENT WE CAN
MAKE THESE POSITIONS STICK IN THE FACE OF NATIONAL
PRESSURES TO BE SEEN AND HEARD AS THE DIALOGUE RESUMES.
UK HAS NOT RULED OUT THE POSSIBILITY OF A SECOND RESUMED
PREPCON OR LONGER MINISTERIAL MEETING IN ORDER TO INSURE
SUCCESS.

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3. MAITLAND RAISED THE MATTER OF VENUE FOR A MINISTER-
IAL CONFERENCE AND NOTED THAT THIS WAS AN ISSUE OF
IMPORTANCE FOR THE UK SINCE THERE WERE A NUMBER OF
PLACES THEY CONSIDER UNDESIRABLE SITES. HE SUGGESTED
VIENNA AS A GOOD POSSIBILITY. ALSO RAISED BY UK BUT
NOT DISCUSSED WAS NATURE OF IEA'S ROLE IN RESUMED
DIALOGUE. (THIS POINT NOT DISCUSSED IN STATE 175394).

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4. ON MORE FUNDAMENTAL LEVEL, MAITLAND RAISED AN
ISSUE THAT HAS BEEN ON HIS MIND RECENTLY -- THE
QUESTION OF WHAT AUTHORITY OR "LEGITIMACY" THE RAW
MATERIALS AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONS WOULD HAVE IN
THE BROADER WORLD CONTEXT. HE REVIEWED HISTORY OF UK'S
KNOWN PREFERENCE FOR AN EARLY START ON THE DIALOGUE
WITH PRODUCERS SO AS TO UNCOVER AREAS OF PROGRESS AND
GAI GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT PRODUCERS LIKELY TO
SETTLE FOR IN THE END. BROADENING HIS THEHE HE EESWAQ
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OF ASPI
ATIONS" OF LDCS. BUT THE PRESSURE FOR CHANGE
IS LESSENING, IN PART BECAUSE THE DCS A
E SHOWING
WHERE PROGRESS IAN BE MADE, AND SOME LDCS ARE INTER-
ESTED IN SEEING IF CHANGES IN SPECIFIC AREAS ARE
POSSIBLE. IN THE FUTURE WE SHALL NEED THE CLOSEST
POSSIBLE COOPERATION AMONG DCS, AND WE SHALL ALSO
HAVE TO MAINTAIN AN INTENSE DISCUSSION WITH LDCS
TO LESSEN THE STRIDENCY OF THEIR DEMANDS FOR COMPLETE
REFORM. THIS MAY TAKE 2 - 3 YEARS, BUT PROGRESS
WILL LESSEN THE PRESSURE FOR DRASTIC REVISION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SYSTEM. IN SUM, WE CAN SOLVE
PART OF THE PROBLEM BY SHOWING A WILLINGNESS TO TALK
SERIOUSLY, AND HENCE MAKE ENOUGH PROGRESS WITH THE
LDC REFORMISTS TO UNDERCUT THE "REVOLUTIONARIES."
WITH THIS IN MIND, IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE TO GET TOO
MANY ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM SETTLED IN ADVANCE OF THE
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HAIN LINES OF THE PRODUCER/CONSUMER DIALOGUE. THUS
WE MUST ASK OURSELVES WHAT AUTHORITY THESE COMMIS-
SIONS WILL HAVE, WHAT VALIDITY WILL ATTACH TO THEIR
CONCLUSIONS. WHAT IS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE
WORK OF THE COMMISSION AND THOSE OF OTHER BODIES
WHERE COMMITMENTS ON THESE SUBJECTS ARE NORMALLY
UNDERTAKEN. WHAT IS THE STATUS OF THE END RESULT OF
THE COMMISSION'S WORK?

5. DISCUSSING OTTAWA MEETING MAITLAND REPEATED POINTS
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